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中原銀行股份有限公司*
ZHONGYUAN BANK CO., LTD.*

(A joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1216)

**RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHAIRPERSON
OF THE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;
ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, CHAIRPERSON OF THE STRATEGY AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORIZED
REPRESENTATIVE; AND
CHANGE OF PRESIDENT AND PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHAIRPERSON
OF THE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZED
REPRESENTATIVE**

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Zhongyuan Bank Co., Ltd.* (the “**Bank**”) hereby announces that Mr. GUO Hao (“**Mr. GUO**”), the Chairman of the Bank, an executive Director, resigned from his positions as the Chairman of the Bank, an executive Director, the Chairperson of the Strategy and Development Committee of the Board (the “**Strategy and Development Committee**”) and authorized representative of the Bank under Rule 3.05 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “**Hong Kong Listing Rules**”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Hong Kong Stock Exchange**”) by submitting a resignation letter to the Board on 21 April 2026 due to work transfer. The resignation of Mr. GUO from the above positions shall take effect upon the receipt of the resignation letter by the Board on 21 April 2026. Following his resignation, Mr. GUO no longer holds any position with the Bank.

Mr. GUO has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and there are no matters relating to his resignation that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Bank (the “**Shareholders**”), creditors or the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

The Board would like to express its sincere appreciation to Mr. GUO for his contributions to the Bank during his tenure as the Chairman.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, CHAIRPERSON OF THE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

On 21 April 2026, Mr. ZHOU Feng (“**Mr. ZHOU**”) was elected as the Chairman of the Bank and the Chairperson of the Strategy and Development Committee at a meeting of the Board. The appointment as the Chairperson of the Strategy and Development Committee shall take effect from the date of this announcement, and the appointment as the Chairman shall take effect from the date of approval of Mr. ZHOU’s qualification as Chairman by the National Financial Regulatory Administration Henan Office (“**Henan Financial Regulatory Office**”). The term of office of Mr. ZHOU in the above positions shall expire upon the re-election of the third session of the Board and he shall be eligible for re-election upon expiry of his term. With effect from 21 April 2026, Mr. ZHOU will no longer serve as the Vice Chairman of the Bank.

The particulars of biography and other relevant information of Mr. ZHOU required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules are set out in the Bank’s announcement dated 30 March 2026. As of the date of this announcement, there has been no change to such information. The Bank will make a further announcement in due course after Mr. ZHOU’s qualification is approved.

Mr. ZHOU has also been appointed to succeed Mr. GUO as the authorized representative of the Bank under Rule 3.05 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules, with effect from 21 April 2026.

CHANGE OF PRESIDENT AND PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. ZHOU Feng ceased to be the President of the Bank due to work adjustment, which will take effect from 21 April 2026.

Mr. ZHOU has confirmed that there is no disagreement with the Board and there are no other matters relating to his resignation that need to be brought to the attention of the Bank’s shareholders. The Board would like to express its sincere appreciation to Mr. ZHOU for his contribution to the Bank during his tenure of office as the President of the Bank.

On 21 April 2026, the Board has considered and approved to appoint Mr. ZHANG Tao (“**Mr. ZHANG**”) as the President of the Bank and the proposed appointment of Mr. ZHANG as an executive Director of the third session of the Board (the “**Proposed Appointment**”). The qualification of Mr. ZHANG as the President of the Bank is subject to the approval by Henan Financial Regulatory Office. The Proposed Appointment is subject to consideration and approval by Shareholders at the Bank’s general meeting and approval of the relevant qualification by Henan Financial Regulatory Office.

The particulars of biography of Mr. ZHANG are set out as follows:

Mr. ZHANG Tao, born in April 1975, is of Chinese nationality.

From February 2025 to April 2026, Mr. ZHANG served as the Vice President and a member of the Standing Committee of the Party Committee of Henan Rural Commercial Bank; from October 2023 to February 2025, he served as the Vice President and a member of the Party Committee of Henan Rural Commercial Joint Bank; from April 2019 to October 2023, he successively served as the General Manager of the Internal Control and Compliance Department of Henan Branch, the President and the Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Zhengzhou Branch of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited (listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 601398) and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 1398)) (the “ICBC”); from August 2015 to April 2019, he successively served as the Vice President, a member of the Party Committee, the President and the Secretary of the Party Committee of Jiyuan Branch of ICBC; from August 2011 to August 2015, he successively served as the Vice President, a member of the Party Committee, the Vice President, the Secretary of the Discipline Inspection Commission, and a member of the Party Committee of Kaifeng Branch of ICBC; from July 1995 to August 2011, he worked at Jiyuan Branch of ICBC.

Mr. ZHANG Tao obtained a bachelor’s degree in Finance from Henan University of Finance and Economics in July 1995 and a master’s degree in Economics from Capital University of Economics and Business in November 2004.

The Bank will enter into a service contract with Mr. ZHANG. The term of office of Mr. ZHANG as the President of the Bank shall commence on the date his qualification as the President is approved by the Henan Financial Regulatory Office and shall end upon the re-election of the third session of the Board. The term of office of Mr. ZHANG as an executive Director of the Bank will be for a period from the date of approval by the shareholders at the general meeting and approval of his qualification as a Director by the Henan Financial Regulatory Office to the re-election of the third session of the Board, subject to re-election upon the expiry of his term of office. The Bank will determine the remuneration package for Mr. ZHANG in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and regulatory requirements, as well as the Bank’s relevant compensation policies, and make appropriate disclosures in accordance with the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. ZHANG does not (i) hold any directorship in any other listed companies or take up any post in any affiliated companies of the Bank in the past three years; (ii) have any relationship with any other Director, supervisor, senior management or substantial shareholder of the Bank; or (iii) have any equity interest in the Bank within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Save as disclosed herein, there are no other matters relating to the appointment of Mr. ZHANG that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders, and there is no other information that shall be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

A circular containing, among other things, detailed information of the aforementioned Proposed Appointment will be published on the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the website of the Bank (www.zybank.com.cn) in due course, and will be despatched to the H shareholders in the manner that they elected to receive corporate communications.

Zhongyuan Bank Co., Ltd.*
Board

Zhengzhou, the People's Republic of China
April 21, 2026

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. ZHOU Feng as executive Director; Mr. FENG Ruofan, Mr. LI Wenqiang and Ms. ZHANG Shu as non-executive Directors; and Mr. XU Yiguo, Ms. ZHAO Zijian, Mr. WANG Maobin, Mr. PAN Xinmin and Mr. GAO Pingyang as independent non-executive Directors.

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